

REMARKS

Claims 59-70 are pending in the application. Claims 59, 61, and 65-70 are in independent form, and have been amended hereby. Claims 2, 6, 10, 42, and 50 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 2, 6, 10, 42, and 50 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 59-70 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 7,269,839 (“Nagishi”) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0086692 (“Hori”).

Nagishi, as best understood relates to a special playback controller that receives a special playback request from a user. A data storage unit that stores data. In response to the special playback request received by the special playback controller, a data converter converts the data stored in the data storage unit into special playback data according to the type of special playback operation. The special playback data converted by the data converter is transmitted to a decoding terminal via a multiplexer, a transmitter, and a communication line, thereby enabling the decoding terminal to perform the special playback operation.

Hori, as best understood relates to a special reproduction control information comprising a plurality of items of frame information. Each of the items of frame information comprises video location information indicating the location of video data to be reproduced in a special reproduction and display time control information indicating the time for displaying the video data.

It is respectfully submitted that Nagishi and Hori, alone or in any possible combination, fail to teach or suggest at least that:

(i) “the moving image data for special reproduction is generated at a frame rate higher than a frame rate to generate the moving image data for normal reproduction,” and that “the reproduction unit reproduces the moving image data for special reproduction at a frame rate lower than a frame rate at which the moving image data for special reproduction is generated;”

(ii) “differences between adjacent frames are successively calculated in the moving image data for normal reproduction, and the moving image data for special reproduction included in the signals input by the input unit is generated in a section where the difference is greater than a threshold value;” and

(iii) “the moving image data for special reproduction that is included in a packet different from a packet including the moving image data for normal reproduction,” as recited in amended independent Claim 59, and similarly in amended independent Claims 61, and 65-70. See pages 18-20, and Figs. 6A-E, and 17A-D, and their associated descriptions, of the present application, for example.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 59, 61, and 65-70, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over Nagishi and Hori, alone or in any possible combination.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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